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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday September 6, 2022 4:00 p.m.

101 Grove Street, Room 300

San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D

Excused: Commissioner Tessie Guillermo
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2022.

Public Comment:

Patrick Monette Shaw made the verbal public comment and submitted the following written summary:

Page 10 of the August 16 draft meeting minutes report Commissioner Chow stated "... the LHH-JCC has been following the state regulatory results, but the existence of the CEPs [Critical Element Pathways stressed by CMA] was not mentioned in JCC meetings until recently." It's important members of the public learn the precise date JCC Health Commissioners first learned of LHH's CEP educational curriculum. The minutes report Chow "noted the importance of having the HMA and HSAG consultants working with LHH because they understand the wide breadth of federal guidelines." HSAG's June 15 contract first amendment added \$5.2 million, bringing HSAG's contract total to \$6.98 million, mostly for survey readiness using the CEP's to support CMS recertification, including training LHH's Nursing Home Administrator and Assistant Nursing Home Administrator new hires. LHH's Administration Office and Nursing Office were unable this morning to provide the names of these two new hires. Why not?

Alice, Senior and Disability Action, has some concerns about the minutes. She feels her comments are not summarized well and some of her key points are not included. She noted that other people's comments are not summarized appropriately. She reiterated the importance of listening to the recording meeting before finalizing the minutes. She supported the comments made at the last meeting for a far better public health response to COVID-19 and MPX, that focuses on equity. The estimated levels of the pandemics are inaccurate because there is inadequate testing, and many people do not test at all. People can have MPX and other STIs at the same time, but practitioners may not test a patient for MPX. Women and others who are not gay men may not have access to testing or the vaccine.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal made an amendment to the minutes noting that the caller's comments focused on issues of equity.

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the amended minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting.

3) RESOLUTION HONORING TRACEY PACKER, MPH

Susan Philip, MD, MPH, Health Officer and Director, Population Health Division, introduced the item.

Director Colfax thanked Ms. Packer for her long tenure with the DPH and for her many impactful contributions to the San Francisco public health communities.

Ms. Packer stated that she has been honored to be part of the DPH community for 30 years. She learned early in her tenure, how important community voices are in any public health planning and implementation process. She sees that community involvement is as important as epidemiological data. She is grateful to the Health Commission, DPH leaders, and community leaders for their mentorship and many lessons learned. She is very grateful for her time at the DPH and for the honor of the resolution.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal stated that he has honored and observed Ms. Packer's work for many years before working with her. He is grateful to her leadership and dedication, especially in her work confronting the AIDS epidemic. He noted that her legacy will impact the DPH and San Francisco for many years.

Commissioner Chow expressed gratitude for Ms. Packer's hard work, and wished her the best in future endeavors.

Commissioner Chung echoed Commissioner Bernal's comments. She added that Ms. Packer is the personification of integrity and emotional intelligence. She is wonderful at finding solutions for difficult-to-reach populations.

Commissioner Green thanked Ms. Packer for her inspirational leadership, inclusivity, and kindness.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (Attachment A)

4) RESOLUTION: CELEBRATING HISPANIC AND LATINO/A/X HERITAGE MONTH

Ayanna Bennett, MD, MPH, FAAP, Chief Health Equity Officer and Director, Office of Health Equity, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Bernal and Green thanked Mr. Morewitz and DPH staff for development of the resolution.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (Attachment B)

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax MD, DPH, Director of Health, presented the item.

MPX VACCINE AVAILABILITY EXPANSION

DPH is ensuring a robust, public health response to the monkeypox (MPX) outbreak that aligns with our goals toward health equity and supports communities most affected by the virus. Vaccines are the best protection from MPX and one of the key strategies to lower the spread of the virus. We continue to work to distribute the vaccines to those who need it as quickly and as equitably as possible.

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, DPH, community health partners and health providers will expand eligibility for Jynneos vaccine to all gay, bisexual, trans people, and men or trans people who have sex with men or trans people.

Also, SF vaccine sites will move forward with providing the second dose of the Jynneos vaccine to people who are beyond 28 days from receiving their first dose. In San Francisco, this will also begin on Tuesday, September 6. This is in alignment with other Bay Area counties, some of whom are beginning second doses the week of August 29th.

Individuals that are eligible and seek a second dose should contact a health care provider. At this time, there are multiple health systems and clinics that have vaccine appointments available. If your primary healthcare provider does not yet carry the vaccine, please visit sf.gov/mpx to find locations and schedule an appointment.

All healthcare providers will continue to administer first doses and ensure that a percentage of vaccines dedicated to first doses. Additionally, the majority of second doses will be available by appointment only, as vaccine remains limited.

DPH, healthcare and community partners continue to work with state and federal partners to obtain more vaccines. Last week, San Francisco received 8,000 doses. San Francisco is expecting to receive 13,000 doses in the next allotment. More than 95% of doses received through August 26 have been administered.

DPH COLLABORATION WITH SFUSD FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, DPH has collaborated with all schools in San Francisco with a special focus on SFUSD. DPH meets with SFUSD every two weeks to discuss COVID-19 prevention and mitigation as well as other emerging health issues. During summer 2022, DPH has collaborated with schools including SFUSD on multiple health-related efforts to prepare students and their families for a safer and healthy return to school. Three issues were prioritized as a result of this collaboration: 1) COVID-19 prevention and mitigation, 2) MPX prevention and mitigation, and 3) Back to School Vaccine Clinics.

COVID-19 prevention and mitigation

With respect to schools, DPH aligned its COVID-19 prevention and mitigation with CDPH and no longer maintains local separate guidance as a result. In addition, DPH updated its protocols on reporting COVID-19 outbreaks in schools and informed SFUSD. In alignment with CDPH, schools should notify DPH when at least 5% of their site's population, including students and staff, have reported suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period. DPH has updated its [website](#) for schools with links to CDPH guidance and how to report COVID-19 outbreaks to DPH and shared with SFUSD. All schools, including SFUSD, can also receive technical support and guidance by contacting schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org.

MPX prevention and mitigation

In response to increased number of questions from schools, DPH also issued some considerations for schools to undertake to prevent and mitigate MPX, which is now translated into Spanish, Chinese and Filipino, which can be found [here](#).

Back to school vaccine events

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted many facets of daily life, including routine health screenings, vaccinations, and medical check-ups. To help students catch up on their standard required vaccines, DPH hosted back-to-school vaccine clinics from August 20-27 at both ZSFG Children's Health Center and Southeast Health Center. These clinics were open to all San Francisco residents who are children regardless of insurance or medical home. There was no requirement to be a SFHN patient. These clinics provided COVID-19 vaccines as well as vaccines required for school entry.

DPH VIRTUAL ALL STAFF TOWN HALL

This week DPH hosted its first ever virtual DPH All Staff Town Hall with over 1,000 staff participating from across DPH. Dr. Colfax was joined by leaders Dr. Hilary Kunins, Dr. Ayanna Bennett, and Luenna Kim to discuss their connection to DPH and San Francisco and to answer staff questions. Regretfully, leadership was unable to answer all of the staff questions, but we are planning additional ways to address more of the questions in the near future. We also distributed a online survey to staff and hope they will provide input on what they'd like to learn in upcoming meetings. DPH leadership plan to have this meeting on a quarterly basis, the next meeting is scheduled for December 8th.

WE ARE SFDPH RECRUITMENT VIDEO RELEASE

DPH Human Resources in partnership with SFGOV TV developed a video titled "We are SFDPH". This video celebrates our diverse and skilled workforce and highlights our varied services. We invite you to view and share this video widely with your networks: <https://youtu.be/QRYNII6owjo>.

The video will help expand and diversify our recruitments efforts as we work to build a stronger workforce to fulfill our mission – protect and promote the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans. The video will be available on DPH'S social media channels, including LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

ZSFG CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG) marked its 150th anniversary on August 28, 2022 — a day Mayor London Breed proclaimed as "Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Day" in honor of the hospital's leading role in supporting public health for the San Francisco community since 1872.

Since opening its doors on August 28, 1872, ZSFG has been a pillar of San Francisco's healthcare system, serving those most in need and providing life-saving care during some of our City's most historic moments. From the 1906 earthquake to the 1918 flu pandemic, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the MPX epidemic, "The General" has risen to the challenge every time.

Importantly, the hospital's partnership with UCSF started at about the same time, helping to make excellence and resilience an essential part of the hospital's values and mission. ZSFG and the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (SFGHF) will commemorate the 150th anniversary over the coming months by highlighting the storied history of ZSFG and its essential role in supporting San Franciscans, which will culminate at SFGHF's annual Hearts in SF event on February 9, 2023.

SFGHF's annual Hearts in San Francisco public art project will also feature 10 special mini heart sculptures this year celebrating the 150th anniversary of ZSFG. Those hearts will be among the 34 total hearts to be auctioned at the annual Hearts in SF event, a tradition that has raised more than \$34 million to support patient care and innovation at ZSFG.

This milestone presents a special opportunity to celebrate the hospital's work and partnerships as well as reflect on the accomplishments of the last 150 years, as well as think about the future.

To learn more about this year-long celebration, and how you can share your own story at ZSFG, visit www.zsfg150.org.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

On Overdose Awareness Day (August 31st), DPH staff held successful public education events focused on overdose prevention and lifesaving medications.

Staff distributed 100 naloxone kits and 200 fentanyl test strips at two tabling events, which were held at 1380 Howard Street and Zuckerberg SF General Hospital. The events included displays on how to end the stigma surrounding drug use and overdose.

At the Tenderloin Center, staff and guests wrote memories, names, and stories on flowers to honor those lost to overdose and to share their experiences with overdose, substance use and recovery.

In addition, DPH partnered with the San Francisco Fire Department to release a video that educates the public about the Street Overdose Response Team. Capping the day's events, City Hall was lit up in purple in the evening to raise awareness and remember the thousands of San Franciscans who have died from drug overdoses in past years.

DPH TOBACCO PREVENTION WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

The Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch's Tobacco Free Project staff were joined by the Environmental Health Branch Opportunities for All Tobacco program interns to participate in the SoMa Sunday Streets Event on August 21, 2022. The staff interacted with the SoMa and SF community to provide tobacco prevention materials in multiple languages, cessation resources and fun giveaways, and to promote DPH efforts to reduce smoking rates in San Francisco. In addition, community could sign up to become members of the San Francisco Tobacco-Free Coalition as well as sign-up for the MPX Newsletter.

PASSING OF DPH EMPLOYEE TIMOTHY MCDANIELS

DPH is saddened to share the news of the passing of Timothy McDaniels, a member of the Environmental Services (EVS) team at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH), on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Tim befriended many staff during his five years at LHH and he will be missed by many. Tim was always flexible and understanding of the many responsibilities and tasks required of EVS hospital staff. His mother and father both worked at LHH and he was known by many on his first day of work. On behalf of DPH, we extend our deepest condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren and his entire family.

DPH TRAUMA INFORMED SYSTEMS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

On October 6th at 11:30am, DPH staff are invited to attend an Intro to Mindfulness training from Jenee Johnson, Program Innovation Leader. Find out more by visiting the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/387661454847>

MPX UPDATE

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES AS OF 8/30/22 (probable and confirmed)
San Francisco	718
California	3,369
U.S.	18,101
Worldwide (83 Countries)	48,844

As of Tuesday, September 6, DPH, community health partners and health providers will expand eligibility for Jynneos vaccine to all gay, bisexual, trans people, and men or trans people who have sex with men or trans people.

Also, SF vaccine sites will move forward with providing the second dose of the Jynneos vaccine to people who are beyond 28 days from receiving their first dose. In San Francisco, this will also be as of Tuesday, September 6. This is in alignment with other Bay Area counties.

Individuals that are eligible and seek a second dose should contact a health care provider. At this time, there are multiple health systems and clinics that have vaccine appointments available. If your primary healthcare provider does not yet carry the vaccine, please visit sf.gov/mpx to find locations and schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of August 30:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of new COVID cases per day is 152 and 62 people are hospitalized, including 12 in the ICU.
- San Francisco's remaining ICU capacity is 36.8% and remaining non-ICU capacity is 22.5%.
- Eight-five percent of all SF residents have been vaccinated and 75% have received booster dose(s).

DPH in the News

Public Comment:

Patrick Monette Shaw made the verbal public comment and submitted the following written summary:

Sadly, Director of Public Health Grant Colfax's Directors Report contains not one word about LHH's progress towards obtaining CMS recertification. As important as preserving LHH as a safety-net facility is, shouldn't Dr. Colfax be providing twice-monthly progress reports on efforts to rescue LHH? Has nothing of significance happened regarding LHH's status since Colfax's last update on August 16? Has Colfax had no conversations with Senator Feinstein, Speaker Pelosi, Governor Newsom, Mayor Breed, Director Becerra or others to report on Colfax's efforts assisting LHH regain CMS certification? As a related issue, there is no summary of Mr. Pickens' actual PowerPoint presentation to the Health Commission on August 16 included in the August 16 meeting minutes. Is it the Health Commission Secretary's policy and practice to omit including a summary of the actual agenda presentations made by SFDPH staff to the Commissioners?

Brenda Barrows, DPH Employee, wanted to make the Commission aware of Michael Poliac, gay while male, who was being harassed so bad that he had a stroke. After recovering from the stroke, he returned to work and continued to be harassed; he died last week. She feels the DPH had a role in this man's death.

Alice, Senior and Disability Action, supports the testimony from the last meeting for COVID and MPX safety with a focus on equity. We need a far better public health response on MPX with a focus on equity. The sound of the Livestream cut out so she could not hear all of the Director's Report. She disagrees with Director Colfax that we have enough doses of MPX vaccine because we don't know how many people are at risk. In addition to those in the eligible category, there are also others at risk such as roommates or sexual/romantic partners of gay or bisexual men. This is a crisis.

Dr. Teresa Palmer is disappointed that LHH is not on agenda. It is extremely important that discharges not resume for those patients who are eligible for skilled nursing services. She has heard that families and patients

are once again being hassled about future discharges to out-of-county facilities. It is very important that discharges be uncoupled from recertification and that funding be provided by the City for patients who are eligible for skilled nursing services. No beds should be cut. There is a 5-year wait for those beds. We must have sufficient substance use and mental health beds and services.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thinks that the Director's Report should include COVID-19 data trends, which was previously provided to the Health Commission. He requested more granular data for very young and elderly populations. He added that it is important to include data to reflect the importance of COVID-19 in everyone's life. He also requested that information about long COVID-19 be shared as more is known. Additionally, he stated that it may be useful to include some information from LHH at these meetings even though there is one Health Commission meeting devoted to this topic once a month.

Commissioner Green asked when a school notifies the DPH that 5% or more of its population is COVID-19 positive, does the DPH offer assistance? She also asked for more information regarding the new COVID vaccine distribution process. She requested guidance for those individuals who may have recently had COVID, in regard to the best timing for them to access the new vaccine. Director Colfax stated that San Francisco is expected to receive its doses of the new vaccine on September 7th. Dr. Susan Philip, San Francisco Health Officer and Director of Population Health Division, stated that the DPH has an open line of communication with schools, regarding of whether 5% of its population has COVID-19, and offers guidance and support as it is needed. She noted that the DPH team working with schools has observed that schools are comfortable and confident in managing COVID at their facility. She stated that it is her understanding that someone should wait two months to get the new vaccine, in order to enhance the immune response.

Commissioner Green asked if someone can get the flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time or within a short timeframe. Dr. Philip stated that there is no restriction or required spacing for these two shots.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Monette Shaw made the verbal public comment and submitted the following written summary:

First, neither the July, August, nor September monthly Contract Reports on the Commission's monthly Consent Calendar's have included HSAG's June 15 contract first amendment adding \$5.2 million, bringing HSAG's contract total to \$6.98 million. Why wasn't this contract amendment discussed by the full Health Commission before the contract amendment was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration at the Board's September 6 meeting? HSAG's June 15 contract amendment mentioned the Critical Element Pathways training Commission Chow asserted on August 16 the LHH-JCC had been unaware of. Was this contract amendment also not discussed by the LHH-JCC? Second, item 10 on the Commission's August 16 agenda — to receive a summary of the August 9, 2022 LHH-JCC meeting — was deferred and not discussed when the August 16 meeting ran over time. Why wasn't the August 9 LHH-JCC meeting summary scheduled for today's meeting agenda? When will that summary be presented publicly?

A caller stated that the Commissioners seem to have a confidence in progress being made at LHH that is unwarranted. What is to prevent LHH to start transfers again after the federal mandated pause ends on November 13? He asked if the City will stop sending people with mental health and substance use issues to LHH. It is abundantly clear what is driving everything about this is profits. It is housing profits that cause rise in rents and that pressure board and care facilities to be sold and turned into housing. It is the hospitals not wanting to treat Medi-Cal patients because of lower reimbursements. And the City is allowing this to happen. The City is lowering the taxes paid by corporations.

Robert Reinhard, San Francisco Black and Jewish Unity Coalition, stated his group is saddened and concerned by, "Life Expectancy by County, Race and Ethnicity in the USA 2000-2019," a study published in the June, 2022

Lancet. The study shows that the life expectancy for Black Non-Hispanic people in San Francisco was 72 years compared to all groups collectively of 83.6 years. The group calls for the Commission to add racial disparities in life expectancy to be a topic priority and create a working group of public and community members to publicly discuss and address these issues.

Brenda Barrows, DPH employee, just had COVID. She wants to talk about safety. Ventilation is horrible and hopes that DPH will look into improving ventilation at its work sites.

Alice, Senior Disability Action, urged the Commission to fix the sound quality issues with livestream and noted that Webex is stating that the meeting has ended. She missed important comments made during the meeting due to these issues. She wants to support comments about DPH staff ventilation and equity issues. She urged bringing back broad masking requirements. One of the reasons she is the only member of Senior and Disability Action attending the meeting is because people have been discouraged. Long COVID was not mentioned except by Commissioner Chow, and this topic is very important to discuss because of the impact on people's lives. Public health messages have not been brought up as a topic. It is important to communicate that anyone who gets COVID may be at risk for long-COVID. This could impact people's behavior.

7) RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

Commissioner Bernal introduced the item.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (Attachment C)

8) RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF \$47,678.13 FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Greg Wong, Administrative Analyst, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal thanked Mr. Wong.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution (Attachment A)

9) DPH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Hillary Kunins, MD, MPH, Director of BHS and Mental Health SF, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Dr. Teresa Palmer, is wondering with the new residential sites, how many have disability access for people with mobility problems such as elevators and wheelchair ramps?

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraudo stated that she is so appreciative of Dr. Kunin's leadership and all she has done during her short tenure at the DPH. She asked if there are many unfilled beds and/or a waitlist. Dr. Kunins stated that there are waitlists for some types of beds and not for others. The <https://www.findtreatment-sf.org/> webpage shows bed availability along with locations of the beds. She noted that at times there has been less bed availability due to COVID-19 and/or staffing issues. She added that BHS is undertaking another bed optimization effort to maximize efficiency. She also stated that more treatment beds for mono-lingual Spanish-speaking individuals are needed.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information regarding the anti-racist academy in regard to which staff will participate and the time commitment. Dr. Kunins stated that she will get back to the Commission with a response to this question.

Commissioner Green stated that the amount of work that Dr. Kunin's and the BHS team has accomplished in a short amount of time is remarkable. She noted the amount of staff hired and the infrastructure built has been wonderful.

Commissioner Bernal wants to echo Commissioner Green's comments. He noted that 364 staff hired in a short period of time is incredible work.

Commissioner Chow asked if there are plans for replacing the Tenderloin Cares site with new services. Dr. Kunins stated that BHS staff are undertaking a process with community members and other stakeholders to plan services to replace the current structure of the existing center.

10) DPH IT UPDATE

Eric Raffin, DPH Chief Information Officer, and Jeff Scarafia, EPIC Program Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung asked if SFHN patients are currently able to access lab results. Mr. Raffin stated that patients can access lab data. However, the integration of labs into EPIC will reduce costs and current complex infrastructure necessary to ensure lab data is available on the patient portal.

Commissioner Chow is impressed with the patient portal work, which seems to have simplified the process for patients and families. He noted that the system will still need to deal with patients who are unable to navigate the EPIC system.

Commissioner Chow thanked Mr. Raffin for the EPIC budget information and looks forward to seeing additional budget information for the next roll out phase.

Commissioner Bernal noted that EPIC currently has a 30% staffing vacancy and asked for more information on the impact of these vacancies on the existing EPIC staff. Mr. Raffin noted that the vacancies add stress and work to the existing staff. This may impact the team's ability to meet deadlines.

11) FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Chung stated that the committee reviewed and recommended that the full Health Commission approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

12) CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the following items:

- **SEPTEMBER 2022 CONTRACTS REPORT**
- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH OMNICELL, INC. TO BUY PREVIOUSLY LEASED PHARMACY EQUIPMENT, ASSOCIATED LICENSES, AND SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM THE CONTRACTOR. THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$3,334,120 FOR THE TERM OF JUNE 30, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 (5 YEARS).**

13) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

14) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow, ZSFG Chair, stated that at the August 23rd ZSFG JCC meeting, the committee reviewed standard reports including the Regulatory Affairs Report, CEO Report, and Human Resources Report. During

the Medical Staff Report, the committee approved the Neurology Rules and Regulations and the Emergency Department Registered Nurse Standardized Procedures Chest Pain Protocol Revision. During closed session, the committee approved the Credentials Report and PIPS Minutes report.

15) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.15).
- B) Vote on whether to hold a Closed Session in relation to item 14.D below. (Action Item)
- C) Vote on whether to hold a closed session in relation to item 14.E below regarding pending litigation and to assert the attorney-client privilege in relation to that closed session discussion.

Motion that the Health Commission convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding existing litigation to which the City and County of San Francisco is a party and proposed settlements as described below and whether to assert the attorney-client privilege in relation to those matters. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending litigation matters listed below.

(San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d); and California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3)). (Action Item)

- D) Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b); and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

FOR DISCUSSION: **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,
HEALTH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
MARK MOREWITZ**

- E) Closed Session Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d); and California Government Code Section 54956.9(d).

PROPOSED ACTION: SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION: Donna James – CITY TO PAY \$125,000.
DONNA JAMES, Plaintiff, vs. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Defendant.
(U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:21-cv-02939-RS) (Action Item)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Discussion and Vote to elect whether to disclose any portion of the closed session discussion that is not confidential under Federal or State law, The Charter, or Non-Waivable Privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action item)
2. Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code Sections 54957.1(a) and 54957.7(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b).

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclose discussions held in closed session.

16) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Attachment A

HONORING TRACEY PACKER, MPH

WHEREAS, Tracey Packer, MPH has served the City and County of San Francisco as an exceptional leader at the Department of Public Health (DPH); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Packer began her DPH tenure as a Senior Health Educator at the AIDS Office Prevention Branch in 1992, engaging the impacted communities with innovation and compassion during a dire time in the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, In her leadership roles as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the HIV Prevention Branch, Ms. Packer was instrumental in implementing impactful prevention initiatives such as co-leading the HIV Prevention Council and development of the San Francisco HIV Prevention Plan, which helped change the trajectory of HIV cases in the City; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch, Ms. Packer has worked closely with community partners on creating sustainable change towards health equity and decreasing HIV, sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis, and other issues impacting the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Packer was instrumental in the developing and implementing San Francisco's robust community response; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Packer has focused much of her career on addressing system-wide questions and inequities in many diverse communities and helping develop strategic initiatives such as the Getting to Zero Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Packer is known for her integrity, dedication, and for helping to develop and strengthen relationships between diverse communities and the DPH; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Packer leaves a legacy of service and leadership to support and improve the lives of all San Franciscans. She will be dearly missed by many at the DPH and in the greater San Francisco public health communities.

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Health Commission honors Tracey Packer for her outstanding service and leadership.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of August 2, 2022 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz,
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment B

HEALTH COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO Resolution No. 22-19

Celebrating Hispanic and Latino/a/x Heritage Month

WHEREAS, September 15 to October 15 of each year is celebrated nationwide as National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. It traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino/a/x Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2022 Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month is “Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation.” The theme encourages everyone to ensure all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Illy Soares, who developed this year’s theme stated, “Hispanics in the United States are a diverse group who bring a rich combination of language, culture, educational backgrounds, and experience to the great American experiment. This diverse background brings with it a wealth of ideas and perspectives. One uniting factor within our Hispanic community is our desire to be included and represented in all aspects of American society... We call on citizens of this nation from all walks of life to look around and welcome new voices to the table. This will help us build stronger communities and in turn, a stronger nation;” and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino/a/x Heritage Month was originally observed as “Hispanic Heritage Week” under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, and was later extended to a month during President Ronald Reagan’s tenure in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the month also celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th; and

WHEREAS, The United States celebrates Indigenous People’s Day on October 12th, which falls within Hispanic and Latino/a/x Heritage month; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of the Census estimates the Latino population living in the 50 States at more than 60,000,000 people, in addition to 3,200,000 people living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Latin Americans 18.75 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 Bureau of Census data indicates that the Latinx community is 40.2% of the population of California and 15.7% of the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Latino/a/x Americans have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to medical and public health fields, including:

- 1) Dr. Carlos Findlay was a Cuban-born physician, who discovered that yellow fever was transmitted through mosquitoes. In 1881, he correctly theorized that controlling the mosquito population would curtail outbreaks of yellow fever.
- 2) Dr. José Celso Barbosa Alcala was a [Puerto Rican physician](#), [sociologist](#) and political leader, known as the father of the [statehood movement in Puerto Rico](#). Barbosa was the first Puerto Rican, and one of the first persons of African descent, to earn a medical degree in the [United States](#).

- 3) Severo Ochoa de Albornoz was a Spanish [physician](#) and [biochemist](#), and joint winner of the 1959 [Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the synthesis of ribonucleic acid \(RNA\)](#).
- 4) Ildaura Murillo-Rohde was a [Panamanian](#) nurse, professor, and organizational administrator. She founded the [National Association of Hispanic Nurses](#) in 1975. She specialized in psychiatric nursing and was named a Permanent [UN](#) Representative to [UNICEF](#) for the [International Federation of Business and Professional Women](#).
- 5) Helen Rodríguez Trías was an American pediatrician, educator and [women's rights activist](#). She was the first Latina president of the [American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#), a founding member of the Women's Caucus of the APHA, and a recipient of the [Presidential Citizens Medal](#). She is credited with helping to expand the range of public health services for women and children in minority and low-income populations around the world.
- 6) Jane L. Delgado is a [Cuban-American clinical psychologist](#), health care advocate, non-profit executive, and author. She is president and CEO of the [National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#).
- 7) Antonia Coello Novello, is a Puerto Rican physician and public health administrator. She was a [vice admiral](#) in the [Public Health Service Commissioned Corps](#) and served as the first woman and first Latina [Surgeon General of the United States](#) from 1990 to 1993.
- 8) Nora Volkow is a Mexican-American [psychiatrist](#). She is currently the director of the [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) (NIDA), which is part of the [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH). Her research has greatly contributed to the understanding of addiction.
- 9) Serena Maria Auñón-Chancellor, [M.D.](#) MPH, is physician and engineer. She is also the first Latina astronaut to visit the [International Space Station](#).
- 10) Diana Ramos, MD, was appointed as the California Surgeon General on August 25, 2022. Dr. Ramos has more than three decades of medical experience with a focus on health equity and reproductive health.

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) has been led by two innovative Latina Directors of Health: Sandra Hernandez, MD, and Barbara Garcia, and one dedicated and effective Health Officer, Tomas Aragon, MD, PhD; and

WHEREAS, When compared to non-Hispanic White populations, Latino/a/x communities across the country experience many health disparities including:

- 1) Latino/a/x individuals are twice as likely to die from liver or diabetes-related diseases. (2015)
- 2) Latino/a/x individuals are twice as likely to go to the emergency department for asthma-related symptoms. (2021)
- 3) Suicide attempts for Latina girls in grades 9-12 were 30% higher. (2021)
- 4) Latino men are four times more likely to receive an AIDS diagnosis. (2021)
- 5) Latinas were 80% less likely to receive prenatal care. (2019)
- 6) Latinas are 10% less likely to be screened for breast cancer. (2021)
- 7) Latino/a/x individuals were 50% less likely to have received mental health treatment. (2019)
- 8) Spanish-speaking Latino/a/x adults have lower rates of regular dental visits, fewer teeth, and overall lower quality of oral health. (2019)
- 9) Latino/a/x adults ages 50-75 are less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer. (2019)
- 10) One in six Latino/a/x individuals live in poverty. (2020)

WHEREAS, San Francisco Latino communities experience the following health disparities:

- 1) Latino/a/x individuals have been diagnosed with COVID-19 at a disproportionate rate compared to their percentage of the total San Francisco population. (2022)
- 2) Latinos-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) have the second highest Monkey Pox case rate in San Francisco. (2022)
- 3) Latino/a/x individuals have the second highest rate of hospitalizations and emergency room visits due to Diabetes. (2019)
- 4) Latino/a/x individuals have the second highest rate of new HIV diagnoses. (2019)
- 5) Latina and Black and African American mothers experience higher rates of food insecurity than other groups. (2019)

WHEREAS, the Health Commission acknowledges and is deeply appreciative of the Latino/a/x community's partnership with the DPH in regard to developing and implementing effective strategies to address COVID-19 and Monkey Pox in the local Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Latina/o/x individuals living in the United States report experiencing widespread discrimination in health care and other areas of their lives, at significantly higher levels than White individuals. Being born in the United States and earning a college degree are not protective against this discrimination. (2019)

- One in five Latino/a/x individuals reported experiencing discrimination in clinical encounters, while 17 percent avoided seeking health care for themselves or family members due to anticipated discrimination.
- Approximately one third of Latino/a/x individuals reported experiencing discrimination with employment, housing, and police interactions.
- Latino/a/x individuals with college degrees had significantly higher odds of reporting discrimination in multiple domains than those without college degrees.

WHEREAS there remains much to be done to ensure that members of diverse Latino/a/x communities have access to resources and continue to participate and advance in the political landscape, including expanding leadership opportunities within the San Francisco Department of Public Health and San Francisco Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) developed its Racial Equity Action Plan to address health disparities and combat racism throughout the city's diverse communities and within the DPH, through activities impacting staff; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission monitors the implementation of the DPH Racial Action Plan through quarterly updates provided by the Director of the DPH Office of Health Equity; and

WHEREAS celebrating Hispanic and Latino/a/x Heritage Month provides everyone an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by members of the diverse Latino/a/x communities.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission recognizes the significance of Hispanic and Latino/a/x Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate and acknowledge the many contributions that Latino/a/x individuals have made, and continue to make in our community, state, and country; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission recognizes that Latino/a/x communities enhance the rich diversity of, and strengthen the City of San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission adopted the foregoing resolution at its

September 6, 2022 meeting.

Mark Morewitz, M.S.W.
Health Commission Secretary

Attachment C

Health Commission City and County of San Francisco Resolution No. 22-21

RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, In March, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020 the City’s Health Officer declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that restrict teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Mayor’s orders and State law, the Health Commission met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic through March 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor issued an emergency order that (1) requires decision-making boards and commissions established in the Charter (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors) to hold meetings in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, (2) allows members of those boards and commissions to participate remotely in the in-person meetings for COVID-related health reasons, (3) allows but does not require subcommittees of those boards and commissions to meet in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, and (4) prohibits all other policy bodies (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors and its committees) from meeting in person under any circumstances, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amended the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and

WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical importance of vaccination (including a booster once eligible) and consistent mask-wearing, regardless of vaccination status, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City’s Health Officer has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order No. C19-07y, available online at www.sfdph.org/healthorders) and one directive (Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33i, available online at www.sfdph.org/directives) that continue to recommend measures to promote safety for indoor gatherings, including vaccination, masking, improved ventilation, and other measures, in certain contexts; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City’s Department of Public Health, in coordination with the City’s Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings indoors, such as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and greatly reduce risks to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing ventilation, wearing well-fitting masks regardless of vaccination status (and as strongly recommended for everyone by the State of California’s indoor masking order and Health Officer Order No. C19-07y), encouraging vaccination (including a booster as soon as eligible), staying home when sick or when experiencing any COVID-19 symptom, discouraging consumption of food or beverages in the meeting, following good hand hygiene practices, and making informed choices when gathering with people whose vaccination status is not known; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission will begin meeting in person consistent with the Mayor’s February 10, 2022 order, allowing members to participate by video from a separate location for COVID-related health reasons and providing members of the public an opportunity to observe and provide public comment either in person or remotely; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission finds as follows:

1. As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Health Commission has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
2. As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body and its committees in person without allowing certain members of this body to attend remotely would present imminent risks to the health or safety of certain attendees due to COVID-19, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of those members to meet safely in person; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days, the Health Commission will hold in-person meetings, with some members possibly appearing remotely. If all members of the Health Commission are unable to attend in person for COVID-related health reasons, then the Health Commission will hold the meeting remotely without providing an in-person meeting location. If the Health Commission votes to allow it and appropriate space is available, the Health Commission’s subcommittees may hold in-person meetings as well, or alternatively, the subcommittees may hold meetings exclusively by teleconferencing technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). All meetings of the Health Commission and its committees will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the body and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Secretary of the Health Commission is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the Health Commission within the

next 30 days. If the Health Commission does not meet within the next 30 days, the Executive Secretary is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of Health Commission.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on September 6, 2022, adopted the foregoing resolution

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment D

**Health Commission
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 22-22**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GIFT OF \$47,678.13 FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation has donated to the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$47,678.13 for the CARE (Cancer Awareness, Resources, and Education) Program; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation has notified the Department of Public Health that proceeds from the gift will be distributed; and

WHEREAS, The funds will be used for English and Spanish Language Group Facilitators relating to the education, support, and help of cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation provides gifts to entities that help low income and at-risk populations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisor authorize the Department of Public Health to accept and expend a gift of cash of up to forty-seven thousand, six hundred and seventy-eight dollars, and thirteen cents (\$47,678.13) to help our cancer patients receive the education, support, and help they need; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the gift will be accepted and expended consistent with San Francisco Administrative Code Sections governing the acceptance of gifts to the City and County of San Francisco, including San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.100-305.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on September 6, 2022, adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary